

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7-10, 12, 13, 15, 18-21 and 24-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Apprille '071 in view of Beresford-Jones and further in view of Kirk. Claims 12 and 24 have been rejected as unpatentable over these references further combined with Jones. While not conceding that these rejection are proper, or conceding any of the positions taken by the Examiner in the Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 13 in order to expedite prosecution.

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to recite that the flexible canopy buckles only along a leading edge of the button substrate when the button substrate is moved towards the cartridge by a user. This amendment finds support, for example, in Fig. 42 of Applicants' specification. This feature is not disclosed in the art of record. Apprille does not disclose a canopy that buckles (Applicants maintain that Apprille does not disclose a flexible canopy at all, but even assuming that button 50 could be so construed it does not buckle). The "canopies" disclosed by Beresford-Jones and Kirk buckle around the entire circumference of the button from which they extend. Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn in view of this amendment.

It is believed that no fees are due with this submission. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 00216-664001.

Respectfully submitted,

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